

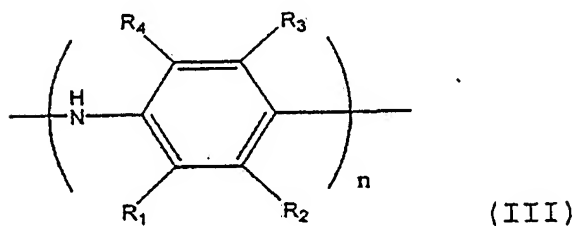
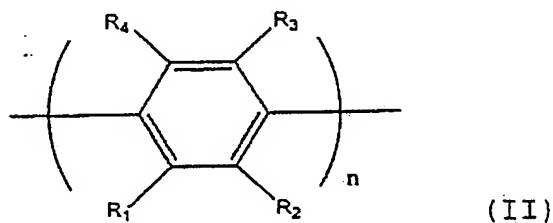
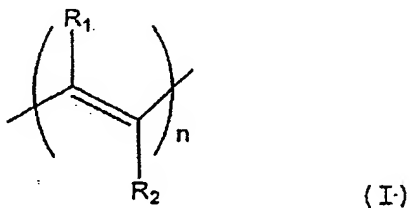
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

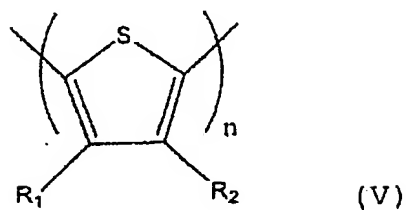
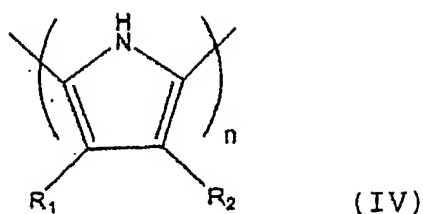
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of listings of claims.

In the Claims:

1 (Original). Use of at least one electrically conductive or semiconductive polymer as sensitive material in a resistive or gravimetric sensor intended to detect one or more nitro compounds chosen from the group formed by nitroaromatic compounds, nitramines, nitrosamines and nitric esters.

2 (Original). Use according to Claim 1, in which the polymer is chosen from polymers meeting the following formulae (I), (II), (III), (IV) and (V):





in which n is an integer ranging from 5 to 100 000, while R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 represent, independently of one another:

- a hydrogen or halogen atom;
- a methyl group;
- a saturated or unsaturated, linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbon chain containing 2 to 100 carbon atoms, and optionally one or more heteroatoms and/or one or more chemical functions that include at least one heteroatom, and/or one or more substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or heteroaromatic groups;
- a chemical function that includes at least one heteroatom; or
- a substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic or heteroaromatic group.

3 (Currently Amended). Use according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, in which the polymer is chosen from polyacetylenes, polyphenylenes, polyanilines, polypyrrols, polythiophenes, and poly(3-alkylthiophenes).

4 (Original). Use according to Claim 3, in which the polymer is a poly(3-alkylthiophene), in particular a poly(3-dodecylthiophene).

5 (Currently Amended). Use according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the polymer is subjected to a doping reaction and/or a dedoping reaction.

6 (Currently Amended). Use according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the polymer is used in the sensor in the form of a thin film covering one or both faces of a substrate.

7 (Original). Use according to Claim 6, in which the thin film measures 10 Angstroms to 100 microns in thickness.

8 (Currently Amended). Use according to Claim 6 ~~or Claim 7~~, in which the thin film is prepared by a technique chosen from spraying, spin coating, drop coating, dip coating, the Langmuir-Blodgett technique, electrochemical deposition and in situ ~~in situ~~ polymerization of a precursor monomer of the polymer.

9 (Original). Use according to Claim 1, in which the sensor is a quartz microbalance sensor.

10 (Original). Use according to Claim 1, in which the sensor is a multisensor comprising several sensors that are chosen from resistive and gravimetric sensors, at least one of these sensors comprising an electrically conductive or semiconductive polymer as sensitive material.

11 (Currently Amended). Use according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, in which the nitro compound(s) to be detected are in solid, liquid or gaseous form.

12 (Currently Amended). Use according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims, in which the nitro compound(s) to be detected are chosen from nitrobenzene, dinitrobenzene, trinitrobenzene, nitrotoluene, dinitrofluorobezene, trinitrotoluene, dinitrofluorobezene, dinitrotrifluoromethoxybenzene, dinitrotrifluoromethoxybenzene, aminodinitrotoluene, dinitrotrifluoromethylbenzene, chlorodinitrotrifluoromethylbenzene, hexanitrostilbene, trinitrophenylmethylnitramine and trinitrophenol.

13 (Currently Amended). Use according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims for the detection of explosives.